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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 19, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For example, the cutting off operation of the connected part is carried out by a subhead of which is a punch processing head exclusive for the cutting off operation, employed at a position apart from the turret. The discharging of the cut off product work sheet is generally carried out by a suction typed unloader. Since the small article cannot be sucked, a work chute to be mentioned in the following is to be used. The work chute is leading to the outside of the machine from the